

another in warfare, is to sever his enemy's communication with part of his forces, and this is just what Satan accomplishes when he persuades an individual to stop his paper. You will have your great leader's commands, but you don't know what his armies are accomplishing out side of your own little circle.

We have a very strong foe to contend with, a very subtle commander to overthrow, and scattered as our forces are over the broad land. Now can we hope to come off victorious with no means of communication between forces, with no encouragement from the victories our soldiers are gaining at other points, with no knowledge of the plans of our superior officers, save as our ministers perhaps tell us once a month.

We imagine Paul felt the need of a church in his day, for many times when he could not be with brethren he would send them greeting and encouragement by an epistle; he would tell them of his hopes and fears and where he was working, how the Lord was blessing his labors. Now this is one thing we should do through our church papers. When the work seems lagging in your church and members seem to be discouraged, through the medium comes the news of victory in some other locality and immediately you are on your feet. We hear the song of triumph, and are up and after the enemy before we are aware of it almost. There is nothing which stirs the soul of man to greater effort like knowing that he is on the winning side, and this knowledge we gain by sustaining a church paper. May God in his wisdom give us the victory through Christ who has saved us.

W. P. GARBER.

#### SUCCESS AT ROANOKE.

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 19th, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We publish through your medium the good news to the beloved Brotherhood that the ark of the covenant of grace is moving forward in this part of the "field."

An active, healthful interest is being awakened in the country round about Roanoke City in favor of the Progressive reformation and I am firmly of the opinion that the near future will reveal practical faith in the only genuine "Gospel Alone" organization and a consequent ingathering into our fold. They are beginning to see through the shadowing pretense of the platform which has any number of planks made by nineteenth century timbers and as "the mists are cleared away" they cast their lot with us.

To-day was a red-letter one with the Roanoke City branch. At one of our outside mission points four young disciples put on Christ by baptism and others contemplate coming in the near future.

We are arranging to establish at least four preaching points outside of the city and with a settled pastor in charge of the city work we expect

to gather in many of the weary ones who are only waiting for the proclamation of the true Gospel message.

Our congregation outside of the city are overflowing, and at one point, Red Hill, we will soon organize an independent branch. The members there are zealous and a bright future is before them.

I am interested in the concern manifested by Editor Harrison on the subject of "Marked Men in the G. B. Organization." He calls on the editor of the Messenger for a few names. I can give him one, the present incumbent of the principalship of Lordsberry college. He made "his mark" on the Mountain Normal of Floyd Co., Va., and in Bridge-water College. Train your gun for other conquests, Bro. Harrison.

The love feast season will soon be here and we look forward to them longingly.

The Floyd Co., branch is advancing its lines. Recently two persons, husband and wife, prominent G. B's. reconsecrated themselves to the cause of "pure and undefiled religion" by joining the Brethren church.

Extreme opposition to our work in Floyd Co., has been developed by our G. B. brethren, and in order to test the ground of the antagonist I proposed to Eld. C. D. Hylton to discuss the following propositions with him.

1. *Resolved*, That the system of religious worship as taught and practiced by the G. B. brethren is scriptural and in harmony with that taught by the founders of the Dunkard church.

C. D. Hylton, affirms.

D. C. Moomaw, denies.

2. *Resolved*, That the system of religious worship as taught and practiced by the Brethren church is scriptural and is in harmony with that taught by the Dunkard church.

D. C. Moomaw, affirms.

C. D. Hylton, denies.

Eld. Hylton replied that it was contrary to the dignity and policy of the church with which he was identified to discuss such questions with us.

Sometime ago Eld. Hylton discussed the question of feetwashing with a Lutheran minister and claimed the victory. He is a fair debater and is known to be very discreet, but less dignity, so called, and more confidence in his cause would be becoming.

I expect to go to Floyd City in Oct., and will discuss the last proposition and I think I can make it interesting. "He that hath the truth seeketh the light but error is a child of darkness." May our Lord be with his people with heaven's richest blessing.

D. C. MOOMAW.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing we have enrolled four members to the Red Hill branch, making eight additions within the last month and prospects are bright for the future. Three of the eight, were formally baptized by trine immersion.

D. C. M.

EDMON, KAN., Aug. 30, '94.

TO ALL THE BRETHREN GREETING:—Another thunder storm has passed over our little church but thanks be to God with small profit to any. In my last report I told you about the members of the little church at Otter Creek being called Bible readers, but now we have gone through a storm which was far more severe and trying than the first, but not as victorious as before as one of our members was led off into another church where God's ordinances are seldom observed, and then nothing but the communion and baptism, but thanks be to God we still have our little church running and I hope and pray to God that we may drop some seed that will bring forth fruit an hundred fold.

Oh, brethren and sisters, sometimes it seems as though we were all alone on a great sea. But we are not alone as we have a great Captain leading us on and if there is never another person joins this little church I feel as though we have done our duty in not shunning to declare the whole Gospel of Christ.

We now have only nine members in our church but it is not in vast numbers that God rejoices as much as in obedience and that is what we was all striving to do—to be obedient and to let our "light so shine that others may see our good works and glorify God."

And now, brethren, pray for us that although we may be the object of more storms, that we may stand firm and ever keep our feet planted on that solid rock, Christ Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,

ROSA BACKOVER.

P. S.—Our love feast and communion will occur on the evening of October 13th. All the brethren are cordially invited.

R. B.

#### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The following members of the National Ministerial Association have responded to the call of the secretary by sending the amount of assessment, made on account of the death of our fellow-member Bro. Sala Laura E. N. Groosnickle, Jno. A. Myers, David Augustine, D. A. Hopkins, Z. T. Livengood, D. Crofford, J. L. Gillen, J. Stuckman, W. C. Perry, Jac. W. Beer, J. H. Palmer, Wm. M. Hamilton, J. O. Tally, Aaron Shewalter, J. M. Fox, G. W. Rench, A. S. Menaugh, S. Kiehl, G. A. Copp, J. C. Beal, L. W. Ditch, E. L. Yoder, R. K. Binkley, C. F. Yoder, S. B. Grisso, J. A. Miller, J. L. Kimmel, S. E. Shook, Simon Mikesell, W. H. Miller, S. J. Harrison, Geo. Clum, E. H. Smith, J. P. Wolf, J. M. Bowman, W. S. McClain, I. D. Bowman, C. Forney, B. C. Moomaw, S. T. Grove, H. Wise, B. F. Putrbaugh, R. R. Teeter, Wm. W. Summers, A. Pearson. There are about forty members who failed to respond to the call.

They should do so immediately, as refusing to do so deprives them of their membership in the Association and of any benefits at their death.

R. R. TEETER, Sec.

Rossville, Ind.

DUNLAPS, IND., Aug. 23rd, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER HARRISON:—The Dunlaps class of the Brethren church is still alive to the work of the Lord. Last night we held our quarterly business meeting. All the business was transacted in love and union. We elected Brother A. R. emenderfer as delegate to the Ashland Conference. Received one in the church last Sunday. We also agreed to collect funds for the purpose of repainting our church house. We hope to retain Brother J. Allen Miller as our pastor for the next year. A committee was appointed to see to that matter.

I do not think Ashland College has got as strong inducements for Brother Miller as Northern Indiana. The fact of the matter is we cannot give him up at this time, so Ashland would better keep quiet for the present.

Fraternally,

N. A. FRAME.

#### FROM FAIR HAVEN CHURCH.

PLEASANT HOME, O., Sept. 10th, '94.

Our newly chosen ministers P. M. Swinehart and E. R. Feters preached their first sermons at Fair Haven lately. Both did well. Success be with them. One person was baptized Sunday. Consecration services in the evening after preaching. Congregation good. The church seems to be in good working order, but is in need of a revival meeting. Elder P. J. Brown was on the sick list for a week or more, but when last seen by us thought he would be able to fill his appointment at Friendsville last Sunday.

WM. KIEFER.

#### A NEW CHURCH BEING ERECTED.

WILLIAMSTOWN, O., Aug. 22nd, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—The Brethren of this place held a business meeting the 17th of this month, for the purpose of doing church work. Among other business they decided to have Bro. A. J. Baughman act as our delegate at national conference. The work on our new church is still advancing fast as possible. Brother Baughman will be off the work during conference but will make arrangements so the work may go on while gone, the Lord sparing us. We hope to be able to dedicate in the near future.

W. B. TROWBRIDGE.

Cor. Sec.

#### OUT DOOR MEETINGS.

Our meeting, which was held in Brother Aaron Stutzman's orchard, near Rosedale is still in session. Up to date, Aug. 30, ten have been baptized with eight applicants for baptism. Some of them if not all, will be baptized on Sunday after the regular services at Rosedale. Perhaps we may close to night. Not certain, however.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Pastor of Rosedale church.